Tiger population in Rajasthan forests

2072. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the total population of tigers inhabit the forests of Rajasthan; and

(b) what measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Central Government to increase the number of tigers in the forests of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) According to the State Government of Rajasthan, there were 109 tigers in 1987 in the forests of Rajasthan. This represents approximately 2.7 per cent of the total tiger population of India, as per the last country-wide enumeration carried out in 1984.

(b) Two tiger reserves have been established in Rajasthan with Central assistance under Project Tiger. The Central Government also provides financial assistance for the development and protection of other national parks and Sanctuaries in the State. The financial assistance provided by the Central Government is utilised in controlling fires, poaching and illicit felling, development of water resources, telecommunication net-work and infrastructure including roads and accommodation for protection staff translocation of villages from the core areas and for providing compensation for loss of human lives and cattle due to tiger predation. The State Government of Rajasthan can also avail of the Centrally sponsored scheme for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

Tiger is given complete protection under the Wild Life (Protecton) Act, 1972 and the trade in tiger skins and other products derived from the animal is also banned under the Act.

Primary weavers societies in Orissa

2073. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of registered Primary Weavers Societies functioning in Orissa at present;

(b) what are the details of the products manufactured and sold and also the unsold stock lying with these societies during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what assistance and incentive the Central Government had given to these societies during the last three years of the Seventh Plan and what amount Government intend to provide in the next financial year, 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government, there are 745 registered weavers cooperative societies functioning in the State as in January, 1988. These societies are producing Sarees, dhotis, Napkins Dress materials etc. A statement showing the details of the products manufactured and sold and also the unsold stock lying with these societies during the last three years is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Central Government provides assistance to the State Government under various Plan Schemes on a matching basis for strengthening share capital base of primary weavers societies, purchase/modernisation/renovation of looms, managerial subsidy for appointment of paid Secretaries and full subsidy on production and distribution of Janata Cloth. Besides, a 20 per cent rebate on retail sales of handloom goods is offered by the Central and the State Governments on a matching basis for 30 days in a year and also for National Handloom Exhibitions approved and organised by the Development Commissioner for Handlooms. A Statement showing the assistance given by the Central Government during the last three years under the above schemes is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

The Central Government releases funds scheme-wise and not state-wise, on the basis of the proposals received from the State Governments each year. As such, it is not possible to indicate in advance the funds to be released to the primary societies of Orissa during 1988-89.

Statement—I

Metres : in lakhs
Value : Rs. in lakhs

	1985-86		1986-87		1987-88 (upto January, 1988)	
	Metres	Value	Metres	Value	Metres	Value
Products manufactured .	650.79	3894.27	601 05	4085.79	454 43	3558.69
Products sold . . .	565.60	3249.59	557 84	3612.38	431.78	3549.12
Unsold stock . . .	158.99	1119.68	202 20	1593.09	224.85	160.266

Statement—II

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Scheme	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (upto 11-3-88)
1	Strengthening Share Capital base of Primary Weavers Societies	2.00	6.00	3.00
2	Purchase/modernisation/renovation of looms . .	3.00	16.50	28.00
3	Managerial Subsidy for appointment of Paid Secretaries	1.12	0.50	1.93
4	Subsidy for distribution of Janata Cloth . . .	592.00	641.00	410.00
5	Rebate*	147.98	282.95	3.05

*Includes release to Primary and Apex Societies as well as Corporation.

Setting up of a National Securities Board

2074. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Securities Board is proposed to be set up to ensure a healthy growth of capital market; and

(b) if so, what would be its objectives and main functions and by when it is proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have decided to set up a Board for the regulation and development of Stock Exchanges and the Securities Industry.

(b) The main objective of the Board, *inter alia*, would be to protect the interests of the investors. The Board would be primarily engaged in ensuring orderly functioning and healthy growth of the securities market. The Board is expected to be set up soon.